



## PATENT

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IN PROCESSING BUSINESS  
DATA

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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Please amend the above-captioned application as follows:

### *In the Claims:*

Please cancel claims 32-77 and 79-94 without prejudice.

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It is believed that no fees are due in connection with the filing of this Preliminary Amendment. However, if any fees are due, the Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct said fees from Conley, Rose & Tayon Deposit Account No. 03-2769/5053-31401/EBM.

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